

Wisconsin Association of FFA

75th State FFA Convention

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Proposals to be considered by the 2004 FFA Delegates

Each chapter, their two official convention delegates and advisor(s) should review these proposals before arriving at the State FFA Convention.

Bring these proposals along with the budget and convention minutes with you to the State Convention. You can contact the Wisconsin FFA Center for any clarifications to the enclosed proposals.

2004 Wisconsin Association of FFA Proposal #1

Submitted by: Wisconsin FFA Executive Board

Motion: Proposed Constitutional Change

Article XVI – FFA Governing Bodies
Eliminate Section D and Amend Section C to read:

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of the state officers, their advisors and state staff.

Rationale: This amendment does not change the structure of the current State FFA Leadership. What this amendment does is clarify the name of the governing board of the Wisconsin Association of FFA. The Board is currently referred to as the Executive Board, however, that term in many organizations is used to refer to a selected group of individuals from the larger Board. Referring to the above group as the Board of Directors helps to clarify their title and role in the governance of the Wisconsin Association of FFA.

The Wisconsin FFA Executive Board is in favor of this proposal.

Proposal #2

Submitted by: Wisconsin FFA Executive Board

Motion: Proposed Bylaws Change

Amend Article V: Procedure for Dealing with Late Membership Reports Section A, #1 – Amend to add the words, “membership rosters, membership dues payment and/or program of activities”, so if passed the Bylaws would read, “In the event that membership rosters, membership dues payment and/or program of activities are received late in the office of the State Executive Secretary...”

Rationale: Due to the change in membership roster processing and the elimination of the paper roster process, it must be clarified that membership payment must also be received by a set date. In the past, payment from each chapter would accompany the paper roster. Now with the e-mailed version of the roster, payment must be sent separately to the Department of Public Instruction. Payment must be received before members can be processed. Adding membership dues payment to the requirements for submitting the chapter roster is a clarification with the updated membership collection system. Also changing objective reports to program of activities updates the wording which is used by FFA chapters.

The Wisconsin FFA Executive Board is in favor of this proposal.

Proposal #3

Submitted by: Cambridge FFA Chapter

Motion: Chapters will be allowed to have up to three (3) members be recognized as Gold proficiency award winners in a single proficiency area as long as that area has **more** than twenty (20) applications in that area in a given year.

Rationale: Currently, a chapter is only allowed to have two members be recognized as Gold winners in State Proficiency awards. This practice is conducted to allow more recognition from more chapters rather than just a concentrated few. The system of allocating the number of Gold ratings per area is based on the number of application in a year. We understand the threshold to be at 20 applicants. If there are more than 20 applicants in an area, more Gold ratings are awarded.

We believe that when these additional Gold ratings are triggered that a chapter should be eligible to have one more member be recognized as a Gold due to the increased recognition and the notion that more people in our state are involved in that area. Another reason for the passage of this proposal is that in our state there are specialized regions of agriculture where, generally, certain schools have many students with the same SAE. Examples of this are:

Tomah, Sparta, Pittsville, & Wisconsin Rapids – Cranberry Production
Hillsboro, Cambridge, & Edgerton – Tobacco Production
Stevens Point, Antigo, Tri-County – Potato Production

These are just a few of the examples within our state. By allowing for one more person from a chapter to be recognized, we believe that more applications will be submitted and more students will have the opportunity develop the important skills that a proficiency awards allows them to gain such as writing and financial management. This change will allow chapters that have an overabundance of one particular SAE to have students be recognized if the judges determine that they are worthy of the recognition.